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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 768  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Arthur W. Hastings on the occasion  
of his retirement from the Middle Tennessee  
Medical Center.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with the utmost integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Arthur W. Hastings is one such person who, throughout his professional career, has demonstrated the greatest commitment and integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings has meritoriously served as President and CEO of the Middle Tennessee Medical Center (MTMC) for fifteen years, and will be retiring on April 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Hastings began his remarkable administrative health career as the Administrative Resident of the Memphis-based Methodist Health System in 1971; and

WHEREAS, accepting positions of increased responsibility, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Administrator of Methodist Hospital South from 1976-1979, Executive Director of

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West Texas Hospital for American Medical International in Lubbock, Texas, and Chief Executive Officer of the McCuistion Regional Medical Center in Paris, Texas from 1982-1986; and

WHEREAS, selected from a nationwide search of highly-qualified candidates, Arthur W. Hastings assumed the position of CEO and President of Middle Tennessee Medical Center in 1986; one of his first responsibilities was to lead Middle Tennessee Medical Center through the transition of ownership and operations to Saint Thomas Hospital and Baptist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Hastings' illustrious leadership, the 228-bed, not-for-profit hospital has experienced a period of extraordinary growth, expanding the "D" building to 85,000 square feet at the cost of \$15 million; creating a 40,000 square feet surgical suite addition at the cost of \$8.5 million; establishing the Bell Street Center addition to the main MTMC campus with the completion of the Ambulatory Surgery and Medical Office Building at the cost of \$10 million and the Cancer Center project at the cost of \$4 million; constructing the first elevated crosswalk connection from MTMC's main campus to the Bell Street Center; undertaking two major construction projects to renovate and expand the Labor and Delivery and Nursery areas; and initiating the expansion of the Emergency Department at the cost of \$6 million and the neonatology services project at the cost of \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, as its CEO and President, Arthur Hastings has led Middle Tennessee Medical Center to unparalleled levels of excellence; the center increased its laser surgery capabilities; established the use of radioactive isotopes; founded a Pastoral Care Program; revitalized MTMC Development Foundation; expanded the diagnostic services for MRI, Advanced CT, Cardiac Catheterization, Sleep Diagnostics, Bone Densitometry, and Mammography; approved a second linear accelerator for MTMC Regional Cancer Center; expanded diagnostic services to Smyrna for radiology, physical therapy, and clinical lab; adopted Hospice of Murfreesboro as an MTMC service; initiated the neonatology physician coverage and services at the Baptist Women's Pavilion at MTMC; and expanded Diagnostic Labs to include the MTMC Pain Clinic; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedication and commitment of Mr. Hastings to the Middle Tennessee area, the Middle Tennessee Medical Center donated a building to the Rutherford County Ambulance Service to serve as its headquarters; initiated scholarships for nursing students at area colleges and universities; and established the Clinical Scholars Program in partnership with the Christy-Houston Foundation to educate and recruit primary care physicians for Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, during Arthur W. Hastings's distinguished service as CEO and President, the Middle Tennessee Medical Center received three Tennessee Quality Achievement Awards; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his profession and community, Mr. Hastings has also served in several key leadership positions, including as a member of the Boards of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors for the Hospital Alliance of Tennessee and the HealthNet Preferred Provider Organization, a member of the Regents Council and Diplomat of the American College of Health Executives; and

WHEREAS, a valuable member of the Tennessee Hospital Association, Arthur Hastings was awarded the Tennessee Hospital Association Distinguished Service Award; he has astutely served the association as the Chair of the Finance and Data Committee and as a member of the Management Systems Council, the Committee for Protection of Tax-Exempt Status of Non-Profit Hospitals, the Professional Nursing Council, and the Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, a Paul Harris Fellow, he is a vital member of the Murfreesboro Rotary Club and has served as its Sergeant at Arms; and

WHEREAS, Arthur W. Hastings and his wife, Jean, are faithful members of the Church of Holy Cross Episcopal in Murfreesboro and have graciously hosted numerous foreign exchange students in their home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Beeman, President and CEO of Saint Thomas Health Services, has stated of Arthur Hastings and his contributions to MTMC that "When you look at MTMC

today, you see the wonderful results of Art's leadership...his legacy will be the outstanding quality of care that patients receive when they come to MTMC"; and

WHEREAS, although he is retiring, his imprint on Rutherford County and the medical community of this great State and Nation will remain; as CEO and President of the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, he leaves behind an indelible legacy of astute and innovative leadership and the foundation for future growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Arthur W. Hastings has performed his work with unparalleled devotion, ability, and enthusiasm, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Arthur W. Hastings for his meritorious service as CEO and President of Middle Tennessee Medical Center, commend his years of professional excellence as a health administrator, and applaud his commitment to his family and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to Mr. Hastings our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.